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SUBJECT: VATICAN DENIES CIA INVOLVEMENT

1. IN RESPONSE TO ALLEGATIONS MADE BY FORMER CIA AGENT VICTOR MARCHETTI IN AN INTERVIEW IN MAY 2 ITALIAN WEEKLY NEWS MAGAZINE "PANORAMA", VATICAN HAS ISSUED FOLLOWING DENIAL:

QUOTE. HIS HOLINESS PAUL VI HAS NEVER RECEIVED FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE CIA OR FROM OTHER UNKNOWN SOURCES, NEITHER DURING THE TIME OF HIS SERVICE AT THE SECRETARIAT OF STATE NOR WHEN HE WAS ARCHBISHOP OF MILAN OR AFTER. THIS NEWS PUBLISHED IN "PANORAMA" OF MAY 2, 1974, ON PAGE 65 IS, FOR THAT WHICH REGARDS HIM, COMPLETELY FALSE. UNQUOTE.

2. COMMENT: NO EXPLANATION WAS GIVEN WHY VATICAN WAITED TWO MONTHS TO RESPOND TO "PANORAMA" ARTICLE, HOWEVER, FACT THAT MARCHETTI'S BOOK ONLY AVAILABLE RECENTLY MAY BE ANSWER. VATICAN CONSIDERS "PANORAMA'S" COVERAGE OF VATICAN AFFAIRS TO BE AMONG LEAST RELIABLE IN ITALY AND HAS FREQUENTLY FELT OBLIGED TO RESPOND TO FALSE STORIES BY PANORAMA'S VATICAN CORRESPONDENT DE ANDREIS. VOLPE

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